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ABSTRACT

This book is a captivating whole-language thematic unit about the study of insects, relating it to our understanding of the past and our hopes for using our knowledge in the present to balance the ecosystem in the future. It contains a wide variety of lesson ideas and reproducible pages designed for use with intermediate students. At its core, this literature-based thematic unit has three high-quality children's literature selections: "Insects Around the House," "Insects in the Garden," and "James and the Giant Peach." For each of these selections, activities are included which set the stage for reading, encourage the enjoyment of the selection, and extend the concepts gained. In addition, the theme is connected to the curriculum with activities in language arts, math, science, social studies, art, and life skills. Many of these activities encourage cooperative learning. Suggestions for bulletin boards and unit management tools are also included. (JRH)

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